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THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"Yes, Sir. It is so."

Military training in schools.

*79 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have appointed a committee to consider the question of military training in schools and if so, what the findings of the committee are;

(b) whether the Government propose to give effect to the recommendations;

(c) whether the Government of India have directed the Provincial Government to give effect to the recommendations of the National Cadet Corps Committee;

(d) whether the recommendations of the Madras Committee and the Government of India Committee overlap; and

(e) what course the Government propose to follow?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"(a) Yes. A summary * of the report is laid on the table of the House.

"(b), (c) & (d) This Government appointed a Committee to consider the question of giving military training in schools. In the meantime the Government of India took up the matter of implementing the recommendations made by the National Cadet Corps Committee. They have also passed a National Cadet Corps Act and recommended to the Provinces that they may organize National Cadet Corps—Junior and Senior Divisions. The Government accepted the recommendations of the Government of India in the matter to fall in line with the National Cadet Corps training.

"(e) The Government propose to adopt the scheme for the formation of the National Cadet Corps and to implement it by stages."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"May I know what definite steps this Government propose to take to give effect to the recommendations of the Government of India?". 11-30 a.m.

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"The proposal is to train 2,000 senior cadets in the universities and 4,000 junior cadets in the high schools."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"Is the training to be given in the schools all over the presidency or is it to be confined to the City only?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"It will be in the schools all over the presidency. But the actual schools have not yet been fixed. About colleges, the University has been addressed."

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